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FROM THE

Scratch Pad

by Paul Peterson

You'd have to have a fairly good memory (and be over 40) if the announcement that a new car could take you from 15 to 50 MPH in less than 13 seconds flat... and deliver 21.25 miles per gallon... would fill your little ol' minds with disbelief, or make you wonder "what in tarnation is this world a-coming too?" Those "unbelievable" claims, however, were part of the advertising copy for the 1940 Nash... which also featured front seats that dropped flat to make a bed, letting you choose all outdoors for overnight stops!

The advertisement is from a 1939 copy of Fortune magazine brought in by Wes Spencer... which also carried the announcement that General Motors was going to feature a "new mechanism to connect the engine with the car," that would eliminate the clutch and "take the transmission out of the driving technique of the car of tomorrow!" Buick was bragging that their 1940 Limited would take you from 10 to 60 MPH in an easy 18 seconds... and classed with the "big" cars of stately men and dignified deportment. The ad claimed it was built for the fellow who still likes to follow the fire engines.

The 1940 Studebaker President featured an automatic hill-holder, sealed beam headlights and a steering wheel gear shift. Prices on the Studebaker Champion model started at \$660, factory delivery.

Remember the Packard? Detroit prices started at a mere \$2228 for the car that "was so far ahead that anything else seems years behind!" And how about the Lincoln-Zephyr with its 12-cylinder engine that developed more horsepower... yet continued its economy. That year's Oldsmobile... besides featuring the Hydra-matic drive... boasted a super big 110 horse power engine in its Custom '48" Cruiser. Wow! Them were the good old days?

One of the feature stories in the mag was "Two Weeks at Plattsburg," an account of a "sham" war involving 50,000 men of the National Guard... which cost the Government \$2,000,000, killed seven men, and "proved in mock war that the army needs more money and training to be effective in real war." During those maneuvers, the biggest since the first World War, there were observers from foreign military units, 19 of them the story said, including two German and one Japanese officers, the latter who "seldom put his camera down."

And there you have some memories from November of '39.

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Now back to November of '73. Got to take pictures of a couple more bucks last week. Neither of them mine of course... and only four more days left, counting today. Guess I can always say I tried.

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How'd the Sunday night rain and wind storm grab you, George? Sure oughta open up them river mouths and let the big ones up stream! It also pointed out some holes in the roof here at the office... despite the fact a new roof coating was applied during the summer. And I guess that only proves it was a bad roof job or a mighty bad storm. Maybe it was both.

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State Supt. of Public Instruction Dale Parnell and Gov. Tom McCall have urged Oregon schools to participate in activities for National Student Government Day on November 14. The wishes of these two state leaders join those of President Nixon who wants recognition for all students in leadership positions in the nation's schools. McCall said the effect would be that students could "learn about governing and government thereby increasing their social consciousness and their personal worth to their communities." Guess he means students will get a short course in lying, cheating, stealing, bribing, bugging... and how to go about covering it all up.

May God help us.



Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

Voluntary Salem Dim-Out Dramatizes Energy Crisis

Residents of Oregon's Capital City are scheduled to dim their house lights in citywide demonstration of voluntary electrical energy conservation.

Salem Mayor Robert Lindsey said the event is the brainchild of conservation-conscious Boy Scouts and their leaders in his community.

"What started as a simple energy conservation good turn by the boys now has full support and cooperation of related city agencies, electric utilities serving the city, the electrician's union and electrical contractors," he said.

Salem area Scout Executive Baline Kuhn explained that at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, upwards of 2,000 Cub Scouts and Explorers will canvass some 30,000 Salem residences - armed with flashlights and energy conservation literature.

"This is a lights-out campaign," Kuhn said, "and we hope people will not turn on their porchlights to greet the boys."

Furthermore, the door-to-door callers will be asking people to turn off one 100-watt light bulb precisely at 7:30 p.m. and to keep it off for six minutes.

Turning out that single light bulb and leaving it off six minutes is the key to this public awareness campaign, Kuhn said. If 30,000 Salem residents comply with the request, the community will save an estimated 300 kilowatt hours in the six-minute period.

Electric utility spokesmen report the simple "saving" of 300 kwh can be dramatized in many ways.

The average Salem household uses about 40 kwh a day and the six-minute citywide saving would satisfy that average household's electric needs for more than a week.

It would provide enough juice to operate one of the area's high schools for only one hour and satisfy the energy demands for one of the community's leading dairies the same length of time.

One of Salem's canneries

No School

School District 2CJ students will be dismissed from classes, along with the rest of state's schools, on Monday, November 12, in observance of Veterans' Day.

Other state, county and city offices and agencies will also observe the holiday. Federal agencies, including the post office, observed Veterans' Day on Oct. 22 and are expected to remain open.

SAIL CLASS MAY START

If there is enough local interest indicated, the Community Education Committee will consider sponsoring a class in sailing.

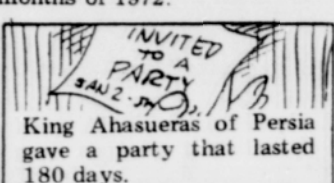
Anyone interested in such a class is asked to contact Larry Means at the South Coast Agency, phone 332-3241.

Traffic Up In August

Traffic volume on most of Oregon's highways showed an increase in vehicular traffic in August, 1973 compared to August, 1972, according to the monthly report compiled by the Oregon State Highway Division.

A summary of traffic recorder data for rural and urban state highways showed an increase of 1.6 per cent in vehicular traffic in August, 1973 compared to August, 1972.

The first eight months of 1973 showed an increase of 5.8 per cent in vehicular traffic compared to the first eight months of 1972.



King Ahazueras of Persia gave a party that lasted 180 days.

could only operate 40 minutes on the 300 kwh. And Salem General Hospital uses that much electrical energy in 30 minutes.

An ordinary city streetlight could burn steadily for 1,400 hours on the power saved during the demonstration.

"These are dramatic examples of the ways we consume electrical energy in our city," declared Mayor Lindsey, "and we hope people will turn off much more than one 100-watt bulb during the six-minute period."

"Just think how much power we'd save if everyone turned off every light and appliance during that period except those necessary for safety and health?"

No one knows exactly how much power will be conserved during Salem's six minutes on Nov. 15 and utility spokesmen doubt they'll be able to arrive at a precise figure in kilowatt hours at the conclusion of the event.

Those 30,000 Salem households use an average of some 1,200,000 kwh daily. A 300 kwh saving is such a tiny fraction - like 2-1/2 100ths of one percent of daily usage - that needles on meters at the city's several substations wouldn't even waver.

"The whole exercise is extremely educational to our boys," said Scout leader Kuhn, "and we hope it will be just as illuminating to the people they meet face to face."

Portland General Electric and Salem Electric Co.-op, the two firms serving Salem, now report users must conserve an estimated 10 percent of normal electric use in order to avert involuntary blackouts later this winter.

"We've learned the average Salem residence could conserve that much energy in many simple ways," Kuhn said. "The average electric range consumes 3.3 kwh each day, for instance. And our hot water heaters use as much as 12 kwh daily. We use one kilowatt hour every time we turn our color television sets on for two hours."

Facts such as these and many methods by which householders can conserve electricity will be available during Salem's energy crisis dramatization. Backing up the small army of Scouts canvassing residential areas will be a cadre of energy experts at offices of both utility firms. Representing all cooperating agencies, these authorities will answer telephoned questions of all related types between 6:30 and 8:30 that evening.

Gov. Tom McCall, when informed of the activity, pledged full support in his household and expressed pleasure and gratitude that people in his home community would undertake such an activity.

"Salem's energy conservation good turn - along with a growing number of similar community activities throughout the state - give me great hope and encouragement that by working together we will solve this common problem in the Oregon tradition," he said.

dellenback Report

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN DELLENBACK

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

Last week the House approved an amendment I offered during debate on the Drug Abuse Education Act to add the words "and alcohol" wherever the word "drug" appears in the legislation.

The intent of my amendment is simple: to make absolutely certain that alcohol abuse will be a major emphasis of education programs funded under this Act.

I believe alcohol has become the nation's number one drug problem, and I'm far from alone in that opinion. According to the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse, "Alcohol dependence is without question the most serious drug problem in this country today."

Take a look at some of the facts about alcoholism. There are approximately 9 million alcoholics in the United States today - about 4.5% of our population. Alcoholism has become a major cause of increasing absenteeism on the job, so that employers and unions both are struggling with this problem. Alcohol abuse has created the cause of one-half of all traffic accidents in the nation resulting in fatalities: the drunk driver.

In the face of facts such as these, there is surely no question in some people's minds, however, as to whether alcohol is already included in the definition of "drug." In fact, the amendment which I offered on the House Floor was narrowly defeated when I offered it earlier in the Education and Labor Committee, primarily because some Members of the Committee thought it would be redundant to list alcohol separately in the bill.

I am thoroughly convinced that alcohol is indeed a drug - and a particularly deadly one at that. I am equally convinced, however, that many people put alcohol into a separate category from the substances most commonly categorized as drugs. For this reason as I argued during debate in the House, we simply cannot afford to take for granted that those people charged with interpreting and applying this bill will treat alcohol the same as other drugs.

We need to make certain that alcohol abuse will be included in drug abuse education programs by specifically citing alcohol.

Statistics from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare backed up my argument. According to an HEW survey of drug education programs funded previously under the Drug Abuse Education Act, only a little more than 10% of the programs were "specifically identifiable with concern about alcohol." To me, such statistics illustrate that far from being emphasized in drug abuse education programs, alcohol abuse is even being ignored in many of these programs.

Alcohol abuse has already ruined the lives of far too many people in the United States. Education programs alone certainly won't solve the problem of alcoholism in the United States. But they can be a valuable tool in helping young people become aware not only about how hard drugs can ruin their lives, but how the abuse of alcohol can do the same.

After passing my amendment, the House passed the bill itself by an overwhelming vote of 372 to 13. The measure now goes to the Senate which will hopefully take prompt and positive action on what is now the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Education Act.

Homeowners Must Pay Property Taxes To County

Homeowners must pay their property taxes to county tax collectors within the time limits set by law in order to avoid interest on late payments, advised Charles H. Mack, director of the Oregon Department of Revenue.

Under the new homeowners' and renters' property tax refund program, homeowners apply directly to the Department of Revenue, after January 1, 1974, for a refund on property taxes due Nov. 15, 1973.

"Refunds are based on the amount of the taxpayers' household incomes and property taxes, not on when the tax liability is paid," Mack added.

Property tax refund claim forms will be part of county tax packets which will be mailed to all Oregon residences about the first of January.

In an attempt to simplify property tax relief procedures, the 1973 legislature provided for all eligible homeowners and renters to receive property tax refunds only from the Department of Revenue.

This is a change from the 1971 homeowners' property tax relief program which provided for homeowners to apply for a tax credit which was subtracted from the total property tax payment due.

"Most homeowners failed to take advantage of this program, so the 1973 legislature attempted to simplify it by replacing the tax credit system with a direct refund," Mack said.

Under the new program the county assesses and collects property taxes completely separate from the property tax refund program, Mack concluded.

Park Damage On Increase

For the first time since 1969, acts of vandalism in Oregon's state parks showed an increase for the fiscal year ending June 30. It was announced today by David G. Talbot, state parks superintendent.

Incidents of vandalism climbed 28 per cent over the previous fiscal year which was considered a "good year."

The cost to repair the resulting damage also increased. The figures for 1972-73 show 121 reported acts of vandalism, which represents 3.97 reported acts per million visits. The cost to repair this damage was \$11,780, or \$387 per million visits. In 1971-72, there were 96 reported acts of vandalism which represents 3.41 reported acts per million visits. The cost to repair for this period was \$9,177 or \$326 per million visits. In 1969-70, there were 118 reported acts of vandalism, or 5.15 acts per million visits. The cost to repair was \$13,502, or \$509 per million visits.

"We have been encouraged by the downward trend in the acts of vandalism in our state parks," Talbot said, "and felt that it was due at least in part to the public's pride in their parks. We hope that this past year was an exception and that the downward trend will continue in the future."

Windows and park buildings continued to be the main targets. Theft is still a major factor with signs being quite attractive. National and state flags were another popular item, with one park even losing its flagpole halyard and snaps.

Day Care Sets Organization

The formation of a District Council for Day Care in Oregon is of special interest to mothers of preschool children, employers, mental health workers, job seekers, and parents eligible for job training opportunities. Coos and Curry counties comprise District 7, which will organize on Tuesday, November 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Bandon city hall. A permanent delegate and an alternate will be elected to attend the State Council.

Senate Bill 74 set rules for the formation of District and State Councils, and also budgeted \$6,000,000 for the funding of Day Care Centers for children under the age of 15. Coos and Curry counties will receive their share, but at present there is only one federally funded center in District 7, the Bay Area Child Care Center in Coos Bay, a spokesman said. Where there is need, other centers and child care facilities can receive support for children enrolled through Senate Bill 74.

Through the District Council communities will have a voice at state levels. The Council must be fully representative of the people in the district; people from business, parents who use child care facilities, and governmental agencies from local as well as state levels. The Council meetings will be open to the public.

This is an important meeting and all interested persons are urged to attend, the spokesman said.

State Road Death Down

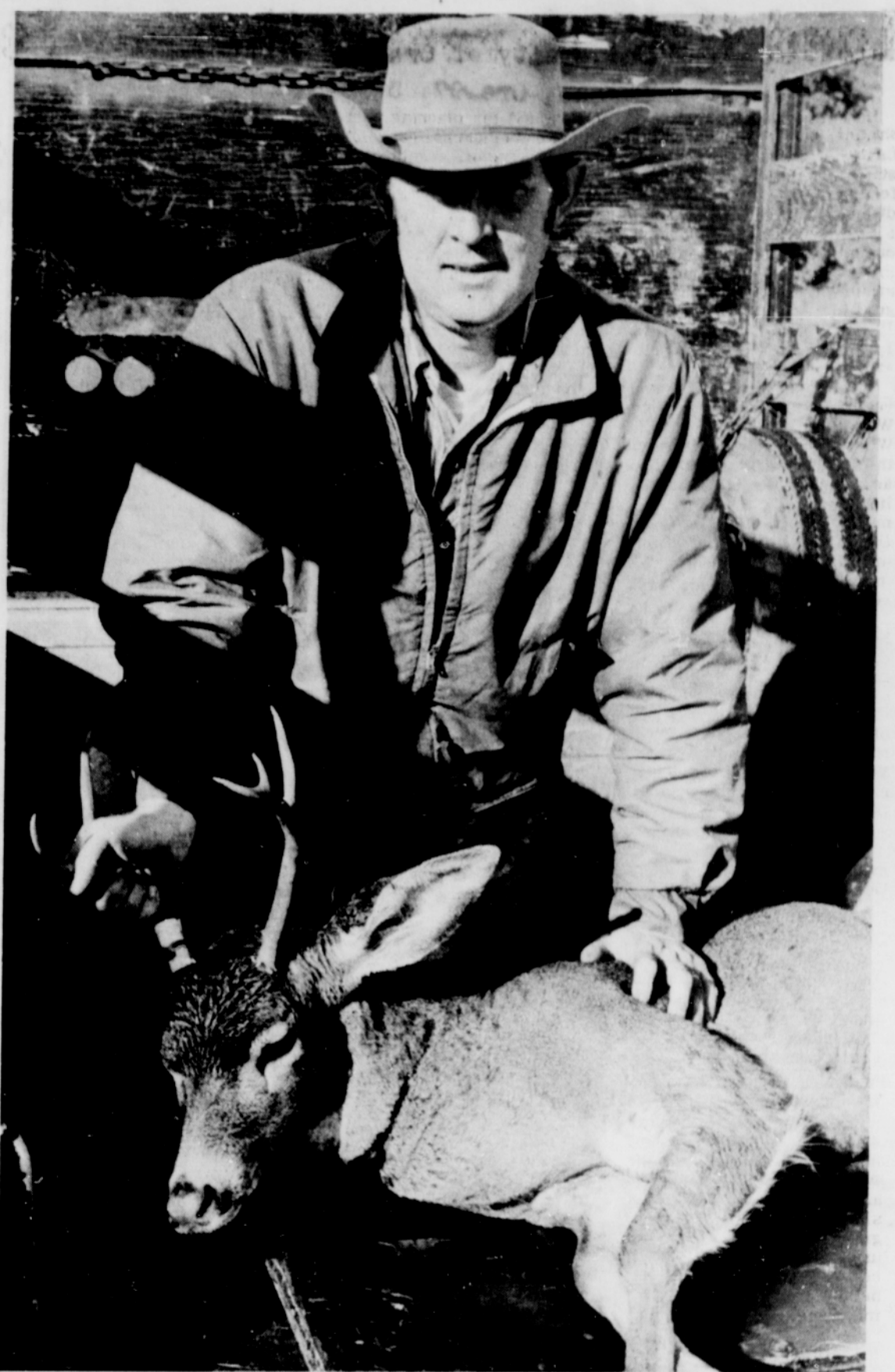
Oregon's traffic death toll for the year continues to show a decrease over last year, with only two months remaining to be counted.

The Motor Vehicles Division reports that through October 553 people had been killed in traffic this year, a drop of slightly more than 12 per cent over the comparable period in 1972 when 631 had been killed.

Sixty-four people were killed in 55 fatal crashes last month. In October last year, 72 people were killed in 61 fatal crashes.

Sixteen of the October deaths occurred in just seven crashes, one of which killed four people when a bus and pickup camper collided. October's toll also included two animal-related accidents. A passenger in a car died when the vehicle struck a horse and the other collision between a car and a horse killed the rider of the horse.

DMV also noted that failure to use seat belts may have been a factor in at least 17 of the October deaths. Eighteen counties in the state recorded no traffic



Sixes Kill

A SIXES hunting trip paid off for Rev. Otis Frost who tagged three point last Thursday morning.

Vet's Day Is Sunday

Veterans Day this year will honor more than 29 million Americans, the most in the nation's history, according to Mrs. Donna Arndt, director of the Veterans Administration regional office at Portland. Oregon's veteran population has risen to a record 330,000.

More than half of the 43.5 million who served from the American Revolution through deaths last month. Lane county reported 11 fatalities; Multnomah, 6; Marion, 5; Coos, 5; Douglas, 4; Malheur, 4; Linn, 4; Clackamas, 4; Umatilla, 3; Josephine, 3; Deschutes, 3; Klamath, 3; Jackson, 2; Columbia, 2; and Yamhill, 2. Jefferson, Union and Washington counties each recorded one death.

Vietnam are alive today, the VA says. The oldest in this group are the less than 2,000 veterans of the Spanish-American War with an average age of 93. Veterans of World War II represent the largest group, about 14 million. The current Vietnam Era has produced 6.6 million veterans.

Once known as Armistice Day, the event commemorated the end of World War I on Nov. 11, 1918. Following World War II, sentiment grew for the day to be a tribute to veterans of all wars. A Congressional resolution by Rep. Edwin K. Rees of Kansas was passed and signed into law in 1954.

The same year, President Eisenhower created the Veterans Day National Committee which coordinates the national

ceremony and the observances within each state. "Peace with Honor" was chosen by the committee as the official Veterans Day theme and has been in use continuously since 1954.

National observance of Veterans Day was changed by Congress in 1968 to the fourth Monday in October. Oregon, however, by legislation has returned to the traditional Nov. 11 date, which will be honored on Monday, Nov. 12.

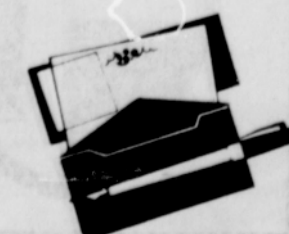
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